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## **SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

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**Morgan Hill Civic Center**  
Council Chambers  
17555 Peak Avenue

**Senior Advisory Commission**

Chair	Susan Fent
Vice-Chair	Jeannette Riley
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Betty Gardner
Committee Member	William Quenneville
Committee Member	Betty Ancheta
Committee Member	Gigi Smith

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#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered to new SAC Commissioner, Gigi Smith.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fent called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Quenneville absent. All other Commissioners present.

#### **DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

#### **PLEDGE**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A member of the public requested that more parking spaces be allocated to seniors only as many seniors were having to park far away from the Senior Center. Steve Rymer, Director of Recreation & Community Services, said that the situation was being studied and that a report would be provided at the next SAC meeting.

Walter Schenke, a member of Community Action Group (CAG), requested that the SAC address the issue of sidewalk accessibility for the disabled and seniors with the City.

Citizen Margaret Johnston asked that the SAC look into the disposition of the \$40,000 Machado donation that was made to the Morgan Hill Senior Citizen Foundation. Debbie Cupp, Mt. Madonna YMCA Executive Director, indicated the funds were still under the control of Bill Brown and that the City and the YMCA have met regarding transferring the senior endowment funds to the Community Foundation who would then act as administrator. Debbie Cupp will report back to the SAC at the December meeting.

### **VERBAL REPORTS – SAC COMMISSIONERS**

There were no verbal reports.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006.**

Commissioner Subocz moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). Minutes approved.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **2. CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER (CRC) SENIOR CENTER**

**Information Item.** Senior Center Director, Patricia Wyman, will provide a verbal report on the activities of the new facility.

Patricia Wyman provided an update on the activities at the Senior Center. She reported that the nutrition program is running smoothly and that it is very well attended. She said that there had been an average of 70 people attending at the former site and that there are now approximately 92 participating in the nutrition program.

Chair Fent asked if the lobby of the Senior Center was being used as the seniors are entering the multi-purpose room through the side doors rather than the lobby entrance. Patricia Wyman indicated that the side doors provide easier access to the multi-purpose room for the seniors, but she said that some are using the lobby to watch TV and that they will soon be adding puzzles, games, etc. to encourage use of the lobby.

A member of the public commented that the computer room seemed under-used. It was explained by staff that computer Co-Pilot classes are being offered and that the reinstallation of the computer games on the computers should increase usage.

**3. ADVISORY TO COUNCIL**

**Action Item.** Commission will review and approve draft advisory to Council on programming for 55+ Seniors at the Centennial Recreation Center (CRC).

The advisory letter to Council, drafted by Chair Fent, was presented to the Commissioners for their review. Chair Fent said that a SAC sponsored quarterly lecture series would show the SAC commitment to bringing enhanced programming for 55+ seniors to the CRC.

Program funding was discussed and Commissioner Smith, a professor at San Jose State, suggested utilizing students at San Jose State to assist with grant writing.

Co-Chair Riley moved to send the letter as written to Council. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). Staff Representative will send the advisory letter to Council.

**4. SAC WORKPLAN**

**Action Item.** Work plan reports from Commissioners

**Senior Programming at the CRC and Outreach** - all Commissioners

Senior programming was discussed as part of Agenda Item #3.

No report on Outreach was given.

**Identify the SAC Target Population, Comprehensive List of Local Senior Resources, and Public Pedestrian Pathway Improvements** - Commissioner Quenneville

Commissioner Quenneville was absent.

**Elder Abuse** - Chair Fent

Chair Fent reported that Cindy Hendrickson from the District Attorney's office provided training to the sergeants in the police department on elder abuse. Chair Fent spoke with Lt. Sampson of the Police Department who indicated that other police personnel would also be trained.

**Emergency Services Plan for Vulnerable Seniors** - Chair Fent, Commissioners Ancheta and Quenneville

No report was given.

**Senior Transportation and Nutrition** - Co-Chair Riley

Co-Chair Riley discussed transportation to the Senior Center and it was noted that Outreach provides free transportation to county nutrition sites. Co-Chair Riley also indicated an interest in visiting other Senior Centers to learn about classes being offered at other facilities.

In closing, Chair Fent requested that all Commissioners sign up for a work plan item if they have not already done so.

### **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

1. Report on parking for seniors at the CRC (Staff)
2. Report on Senior Citizen Foundation funds (Debbie Cupp, YMCA)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Representative announced a volunteer recruitment for seniors interested in working at the Teen Center from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (study hours).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Subocz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting on December 5, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room #1 at the Centennial Recreation Center, 171 West Edmundson, Morgan Hill.**